

From: Mark Smith
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, Mar 26, 2003 12:09 AM
Subject: FCC promote media diversity

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Sincerely,

Mark H. Smith
Boise, ID 83709

From: Ric Rosa
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Wed, Mar 26, 2003 1:01 AM
Subject: Keep media free and competitive

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From: Bruce William Taylor
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, Mar 26, 2003 7:23 AM
Subject: Feedback opposed to FCC deregulation

Michael J Copps:

I read in the American Free Press that you are FCC Commissioner and that you have some reservations about FCC Chairman Michael Powell's intention to deregulate media giant ownership of community newspapers and radio stations.

I share your reservations - in fact, I am staunchly opposed to this process - and here's why.

George Bush's plan for "Homeland Security", while superficially intended to make intelligence gathering more efficient, is actually designed to make it easier for the Bush Crime Cartel to cover up and wash over their illegal, immoral, and unconstitutional activities.

Once all the intelligence organizations essentially report to one office, then all you have to do to squash information, is to close the spigot at the bottle-neck.

Viola! Information is suppressed, and the un-washed masses remain ignorant and unsuspecting.

The FCC is, I hope you realize, part of this process of keeping the voting public from being aware of the problem. As long as the same elite - part of Bush's private club - owns the Controlled Media - and there's no alternative, since the FCC allows it, then George's job will be so much easier.

Then the US will be like Cuba, where there are televisions but essentially nothing to watch, since Castro controls all the stations. There will be no dissent, no differing opinions, no questioning attitude... no more America.

Think about what you're doing

I hope that you will do what you can to make the public more aware of this noose that is continuing to tighten around our neck. Soon, the US will be like Iraq. Nothing will be on TV, or in the newspaper, except what Saddam allows.

Apparently, this is OK with Mr Powell. He's part of the club, on the payroll, and after all... it's only one more nail in the coffin of the republic (please see "THE OVERTHROW OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC, Parts 1 through 30' at Skolnick's Report)

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With respect,

Bruce William Taylor
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From: Don Smith
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, Mar 26, 2003 8:35 AM
Subject: monopolies

I have read recently that you are against the idea of allowing Combinations of print and radio media to be owned or controlled by the same entities. I can't agree more. If we need anything in this country, it would be more divergent ownership and editorial leadership, not fewer owners and fewer attitudes or company policies.

Keep up the good work, and thank you. No reply is necessaty.

From: Braddon Lewellyn
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, Mar 26, 2003 12:42 PM
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From: Heather Martin
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, Mar 26, 2003 3:55 PM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

Heather Martin
21 West First Street
Trenton, IL 62293

March 26, 2003

Federal Communications Commission Chair Michael K. Powell
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From: Heller, Martha
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, Mar 26, 2003 4:22 PM
Subject: MB Docket 02-277 Ex Parte Notice

Chairman Powell,

On behalf of the Newspaper Association of America, please find attached a copy of the ex parte notice regarding your meeting with John Sturm on March 25, as filed electronically today in the above-captioned proceeding.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this matter

Thank you.

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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC **20554**

Re: Notice of Permitted *Ex Parte* Presentation, **2002 Biennial
Regulatory Review**—Review of the Commission's Broadcast
Ownership Rules, MB Docket No. **02-277**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the Newspaper Association of America ("NAA") and pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, we hereby submit this notice of a permitted oral *ex parte* presentation in the above-referenced proceeding.

On March 25, 2003, John Sturm, President and Chief Executive Officer of NAA, met with Chairman Michael K. Powell and his Legal Advisor, Susan Eid. Mr. Sturm discussed the public interest benefits that would result from repeal of the Commission's restriction on newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership and expressed views consistent with those detailed in the comments and reply comments filed by NAA in this docket.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Martha E. Heller

Martha E. Heller

cc: Michael K. Powell (via e-mail)
Susan Eid (via e-mail)
Linda Senecal (via hand delivery and e-mail)
Mania Baghdadi (via hand delivery and e-mail)

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From: howard woo
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, Mar 26, 2003 5:58 PM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

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From: WheeleR866@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, Mar 26, 2003 7:02 PM
Subject: continue the fight.

I stand with you in the fight against the media giants and the control they have. Carl Traffie New Ipswich, NH AFP Reader.

From: Ed Butler
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, Mar 26, 2003 7:55 PM
Subject: media

I have followed with consternation the movement of the big establishment media owners attempting to consolidate a monopoly of the media. It reminds me of the media control in communist Russia. For years, I have been aware of this unhealthy media control.

My understanding is that you have voiced your concern about this matter. I hope that you will make a strong effort to prevent a complete takeover of communications.

Edward G. Butler

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From: ANGELA MILLIGAN
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, Mar 26, 2003 10:35 PM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

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ANGELA MILLIGAN

From: Jonathan R. Davey
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Mar 27, 2003 4:15 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Jonathan R. Davey (jokay9@cox.net) writes:

Protect free speech. Stop media concentration

Wednesday, 03/26/03
Freedom of speech threatened, Gore says

By MARGO RIVERS
Staff Writer

MURFREESBORO With fewer companies owning more media outlets, the lack of tolerance for opposing views increases, former Vice President Al Gore told a college audience here last night.

Using recent attacks on the Dixie Chicks that followed anti-war comments by one group member as an example, Gore said big corporations threaten the true meaning of democracy because representatives through various media outlets try to stamp out opposing views with financial retaliation.

Earlier this month, Dixie Chicks lead singer Natalie Maines criticized President Bush for the war on Iraq while she was performing in Britain. As a result, many radio stations across the country stopped playing the group's songs.

"They were made to feel un-American and risked economic retaliation because of what was said," Gore said. "Our democracy has taken a hit. Our best protection is free and open debate."

Gore's concern over limiting opposition was one of the topics in his lecture at Middle Tennessee State University to about 250 students, faculty and community members. As head of the John Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies, Gore talked about how the mass entertainment media has affected the American family and democracy.

"Mass media has had a pervasive impact on families. Most families don't have dinner together and of those that do, a television is on during the entire dinner."

Besides substituting for family communication, Gore said the entertainment industry has contributed to immobility, debts, lower voter participation and increased cynicism.

He said his biggest concern is people's inability to hear and express an opposing view. He called it "an extremely serious problem."

MTSU student Ada Egenji agreed. She said she noticed that peace rallies haven't gotten much coverage since the war started last week.

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From: Mary Boening
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Mar 27, 2003 7:36 AM
Subject: Don't allow monopoly of media channels

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Mary E. Boening

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From: Jim Marchal
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu, Mar 27, 2003 7:47 AM
Subject: DEREGULATION

I SHARE YOUR CONCERNING DEREGULATION IN THE MEDIA THERE BY ALLOWING MONOPOLIES IN MANY MARKETS. I SUPPORT YOUR CONCERN AND EFFORTS TO ASSURE A FREE AND OPEN PRESS. MONOPOLIES DESTROY FREEDOM. FREEDOM IS FRAGILE, LET US DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY

THANKS

JIM MARCHAL

RUSSIA, OHIO

From: KathleenAbernathy
To: KAQUINN
Date: Thu, Mar 27, 2003 10:53 AM
Subject: Fwd: Protect Children's Television!

From: jaclynannballard@yahoo.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Thu, Mar 27, 2003 10:53 AM
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FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

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Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how children will be affected.

Sincerely,

jackie ballard
501 south 6th street
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cc:
Representative Collin Peterson
Senator Mark Dayton
Senator Norm Coleman

From: jaclynannballard@yahoo.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
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From: john
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu, Mar 27, 2003 3:29 PM
Subject: FCC/s newspaper-broadcast cross-ownership rules

Michael J. Copps
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Copps,

It is certainly good to find a government official with some common sense! It is bad enough to have only one newspaper in a city without having cross-ownership of broadcast stations and newspapers! What has caused FCC Chairman Michael Powell to push for deregulation in this area? I always was told to "follow the money" and I would hate to think that is the case here! This country hasn't had a real free press for years and years anyway. The controlling interest of the major news organizations are mostly held by one particular group of individuals anyway.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

John L Galbreath
19190 Clarks Run Road
Mt. Sterling, Ohio 43143

From: gary anderson
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu, Mar 27, 2003 3:46 PM
Subject: "Cross-Ownership, Media Consolidation"

Dear Commissioner Copps, While it is true that with the growth of the Internet(for example), there are many more sources of news and information, it is also quite painfully true that the little guys don't have the financial resources to do the broad and in-depth and far-flung coverage. This leaves citizens in many, many instances at the mercy of ad-controlled big media. Further media consolidation would not in the main improve this situation--because what media consolidation tends to do is increase the spread of shallow "infotainment". I am therefore opposed to cross-ownership deregulation(and any other measure that tends to support further media consolidation). In my opinion, any such deregulatory action tends to dim social awareness and dumb-down civic consciousness. This is not in the public interest. Respectfully Yrs., Gary Anderson(Brooklyn,NY).

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From: Charles Mansfield
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Mar 27, 2003 4:43 PM
Subject: Upcoming FCC vote

Dear Commissioner:

Regarding the upcoming FCC vote, further consolidation of the media must be halted and in fact reversed. National radio news in the hands of a handful of profit-driven corporations has undermined our democracy more than any other modern force except the high cost of broadcast commercials during elections. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide crucial unbiased information to the public about most public issues, most notably the drive to war in Iraq. As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to break up the media conglomerates, to open the spectrum to a wide diversity of organizations and independent journalists, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Thank you,

Charles Mansfield

Los Angeles, CA

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From: James Hill
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu. Mar 27, 2003 6:13 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

James Hill (jhillskpsrf@aol.com) writes:

Commissioner,

As an industry veteran, I urge your temperance in all future Commission considerations such as the pending deregulation push. I also hope you'll continue to provide the balance the Commission needs in this administration.

Can you also give me any current information on the auction of wavebands, such as those leased by Pax?

Thanks,

James Hill
News Anchor/Reporter

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Commissioner,

I wanted to voice my opinion that more deregulation of our industry will continue the wholesale erosion I have been seeing through recent years.

Everyone understands the economic realities facing media corporations, but there needs to be more time for evaluation before any further action on the part of the commission.

We have enough monoliths. Give our business a chance to attain balance again.

Thanks,

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To: KathleenAbernathy
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Subject: <No Subject>

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